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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

7 LOCALS 302 AND 612 OF THE
8 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
9 OPERATING ENGINEERS
10 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HEALTH
11 AND SECURITY FUND; LOCALS 302
12 AND 612 OF THE INTERNATIONAL
13 UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS-
14 EMPLOYERS CONSTRUCTION
15 INDUSTRY RETIREMENT FUND;
16 ALASKA WASHINGTON OPERATING
17 ENGINEERS-EMPLOYERS TRAINING
18 TRUST FUND; and LOCAL 302
19 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
20 OPERATING ENGINEERS.

21 Plaintiffs,

22 v.

23 WASTE CONNECTIONS OF ALASKA,
24 INC., a Delaware corporation,

25 Defendant.

26 **COUNT ONE**

27 Plaintiff Operating Engineers-Employers Welfare, Pension, and Training Trust
28 Funds allege:

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30 AND UNION DUES

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1 I.

2 They are unincorporated associations operating as Trust Funds pursuant to
3 Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, under the
4 respective names of Locals 302 and 612 of the International Union of Operating
5 Engineers-Construction Industry Health & Security Fund, Locals 302 and 612 of the
6 International Union of Operating Engineers-Employers Construction Industry
7 Retirement Fund, and Alaska Operating Engineers-Employers Training Fund, to
8 provide medical, retirement, and training benefits to eligible participants. Plaintiffs'
9 offices are located in King County, Washington.

10 II.

11 The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under Section
12 502 (e)(1) and (f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
13 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1132 (e)(1) and (f) and under Section 301 (a) of the Taft-
14 Hartley Act, 29 U.S.C. §185 (a).

15 III.

16 Venue is proper in this district under Section 502 (e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C.
17 §1132 (e)(2), because Plaintiff Trusts are administered in this district.

18 IV.

19 Defendant is a Delaware corporation.

20 V.

21 Defendant is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Local 302 of the
22 International Union of Operating Engineers (hereinafter "Local"), under which

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1 Defendant is required to promptly and fully report for and pay monthly contributions
2 to the Plaintiff Trusts at varying, specified rates for each hour of compensation
3 Defendant pays to its employees who are members of the bargaining unit
4 represented by the Local (such bargaining unit members are any of Defendant's part
5 time or full time employees who perform any work task covered by the Defendant's
6 labor contract with the Local, whether or not those employees actually join the
7 Local).

9 VI.

10 Defendant accepted Plaintiffs' respective Agreements and Declarations of
11 Trust and thereby agreed to pay to each of Plaintiff Trusts liquidated damages equal
12 to twelve percent (12%) of all delinquent and delinquently paid contributions, or
13 \$25.00 per month, whichever sums are greater, and twelve percent (12%) annual
14 interest accruing upon each monthly contribution delinquency from the first day
15 thereof until fully paid, as well as all attorneys' fees and costs, including audit
16 expenses if applicable, which Plaintiffs incur in collection of Defendant's unpaid
17 obligations.

19 VII.

20 Since the 1st day of July, 2017, Defendant failed to promptly report for and/or
21 pay to Plaintiff Trusts all amounts due them, as hereinabove set forth, for work
22 performed by Defendant's employees, and only Defendant's records contain the
23 detailed information necessary to an exact determination of the extent of Defendant's
24 unpaid obligations.

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COUNT TWO

Plaintiff, Local 302 of the International Union of Operating Engineers (hereinafter "Local"), alleges:

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It is a labor organization with its principal offices in King County and brings this action pursuant to Section 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended.

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Defendant is a Delaware corporation.

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Defendant entered into an agreement with the Local, whereunder Defendant agreed to deduct from the periodic paychecks of its employees who are represented by the Local, specified amounts for each hour of compensation Defendant pays to those employees and to remit the total thus deducted each month to the Plaintiff Local no later than the fifteenth (15th) of the month immediately following the month in which such deductions were made

IV

Since the 1st day of July, 2017, Defendant failed to promptly report for and/or pay to the Local the total sum deducted from the periodic paychecks of Defendant's employees who are represented by the Local.

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1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray the Court as follows:

2 1. That the Defendant be compelled to render a monthly accounting to the
3 Plaintiffs' attorneys and set forth in it the names and respective social security
4 numbers of each of the Defendant's employees who are members of the
5 bargaining unit represented by the Local, together with the total monthly hours
6 for which the Defendant compensated each of them, for the employment
7 period July 2017 to the date of service of this Complaint to Collect Trust
8 Funds and Union Dues, and for whatever amounts may thereafter accrue.

9 2. That plaintiff Trust Funds be granted judgment against Defendant under
10 **COUNT ONE** for:
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12 a. All delinquent contributions due;
13 b. All liquidated damages and pre-judgment interest due;
14 c. All attorneys fees and costs incurred by Plaintiffs in connection
15 with Defendant's unpaid obligations; and
16 d. Such other and further relief as the court may deem just and
17 equitable.
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19 3. That Plaintiff Trusts be granted judgment against Defendant under **COUNT**
20 **TWO** for:
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22 a. All amounts owing to it by the Defendant; and
23 b. Such other and further relief as the court may deem just and
equitable.

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